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Dear Gino,

As promised, I have looked at my 1828 C2's, to see if I had any with full star radials. There is one that may be of interest to you.

The coin is EF as to sharpness, although the net grade might be a bit lower because of small amounts of carbon spots, corrosion, marks, etc. It is die ~~state~~ I, with the reverse repunching clearly evident on several letters. Although there is some wear clearly evident on hair, leaves, and stars, I do not think that it is sufficient to affect the presence of radial lines.

The first star nearest the bust has three radial lines: the upper left, upper right, and straight right ones. The upper right one is stronger than the other two. The remaining three lines are completely missing.

All the other eleven stars have six

full radial lines apiece. These are deeper on stars 5-12 than on 2-4, but clear everywhere.

Hope this answers your question. How does it compare to yours?

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Dear Gino, I told you I would not write you promptly about my 1828 C2's. So far, I have been true to my word. But I also said I would do so eventually, and I suppose eight weeks qualifies.

There are two specimens which may be of interest to you.

A) Lot 1994 of Jack Robinson sale. State I of the dies. VF 30. Reeutting of several reverse letters quite clear. Star #1 shows radial line to upper right strongly, and those due right and upper left faintly. Others are so faint as to be questionable. Star 2 shows line due right clearly, upper right and lower right faintly. Star 3 shows lower right and lower left clearly, all other partial and faint. Star 4 shows upper right and lower right clearly, lower left faintly, all others missing. The other eight stars have all lines full and clear, with varying degrees of depth. It is possible, after observing the amount of wear on the fully struck stars and on the hair, that some additional lines were initially present very faintly, and disappeared before we have had a chance to record the details.

B) A specimen I have had for almost twenty years. EF as to sharpness, net grade a bit lower because of small amounts of carbon spots, corrosion, marks, and dark obverse color. Perhaps an even earlier

state of the dies. Recutting is visible on even more of the reverse letters.

Star 1 has upper right and due right radial lines full and clear. Upper left quite faint. Others missing. All other stars have full, clear radial lines everywhere. The relief is bolder on the top three left stars and the right stars. Wear on the coin generally does not seem sufficient to have caused the absence of any of the lines on star 1.

Hope this answers your question. How do they compare to yours?

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P.S. Looked at a third specimen. Red unc 65. Later die state — no recutting visible. Star 1 is like coin B above. Stars 2, 3, & 4 have all radials partly present, but most do not extend fully from the center of the star to its edge. Other stars full.